Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The terms of supply of power from Pykara were not favourable.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What is the initial outlay that is required for supplying power from Pykara ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal has been dropped.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In the course of the proposal has the Government come to know what would be the initial outlay which they will have to make for the supply of power ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 5 lakhs.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Madras Government require for a guarantee of a special minimum every year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What was the minimum required by the Madras Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I suppose three lakhs.

Poringalkuttu Hydro-Electric Scheme.

80. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the approximate amount spent by the Government for the investigation of the Poringalkuttu Hydro-Electric Scheme;

(b) what is the amount required in the opinion of the expert to work up the scheme;

(c) has the Government any idea of taking up the scheme immediately or in the near future?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 84,026.

(b) 68·5 lakhs of rupees.

(c) Government propose to take up the scheme as soon as practicable.

Construction of a road to Mannamangalam.

81. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received requests for the construction of a road to Mannamangalam (Trichur Taluk);

(2) if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Portions of the work were done in 1106 and 1107. Subsequently according to the recommendation of the Road Board and considering the high cost of construction, the work was put off.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the recommendation of the Road Board as regards the Mannamangalm Road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal of the

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